



Regular Events

Sport & Fitness

- **Badminton** Weds eves 8-10pm all abilities, contact George 8349 0170 or John 8444 7163.
- **East Finchley Flyers running club**, Tuesdays 7pm at the tube station, 7k run and socialising. Nick 07593 361134.
- **Finchley & Hornsey Ramblers Group** Call Vivien 8883 8190
- **Glebelands Indoor Bowls Club**, Summers Lane N12. New and experienced bowlers welcome.
- **Keep fit for the Retired** on Wednesdays, Christ Church N12. Call Bridie 8883 5269
- **Muswell Hill Bowling Club**, Kings Ave, N10. New & experienced bowlers welcome. Tel: 8883 0433.
- **Pilates** in East Finchley, qualified teacher. Contact Dee on 8883 7029
- **Pilates class** Weds 3.30 & 7pm at Ann Owens Ctr, N2. Call Penny 8444 2882.
- **Pilates Beginners Classes** Tue 9.30-10.30am, Holy Trinity Church Hall. Michelle 07767 804 564
- **Tae Kwon Do** for children & adults at Finchley Lido Mon & Fri 7-9pm 07949 612 706. www.taekwondo-uktd.co.uk
- **Tai Chi** class at EF Methodist Ch, Weds 1pm. James 8883 3308 or james@taiji.co.uk
- **Tennis club** with four clay courts off Southern Road. Call 8883 7723.
- **Yoga, breathing & relaxation**. Weekly drop-in classes - N3, N6, N10. Phone Judy on 07956 375607.
- **Yoga**, pregnancy yoga, meditation classes. Call Sunnah 07941 321 772 www.stretchingpeople.co.uk.

Music, Dance & Creative Arts

- **Art Classes**. Call Henry on 8888 5133.
- **Ballroom Dance Classes**, Wednesday eves for beginners & improvers. St Mary's Church Hall, N3. 8444 0280.
- **Ballroom & Latin American Dance Classes** - beginners & improvers. Wed & Fri eve, Bishop Douglass Sch. 8207 2323.
- **Creative writing classes** in informal, friendly atmosphere. Tel Sallie Rose 020 8444 7217.
- **East Finchley Writers Group**, Weds at the Old White Lion. Contact Carola 8883 5808 or Lilian 8444 1793.
- **East Finchley Poetry Writing Workshops**. Monthly on Saturdays. Contact Dennis Evans 8346 9528.
- **Ladies Keep Fit** Class for over 50s. Tues 10.30-11.30am at Tetherdown Hall. Sheila 8444 0084.
- **Memory Lane Singing Club** - friendly singing club meets every Friday in Finchley. Call Valerie 8458 4508.
- **Over 50s Tea Dance** at Christ Church, North Finchley. Every Weds, 1pm. 020 8444 0280.
- **Learn to sing** at Finchley Methodist Church, Ballards La. Call 8888 4412.
- **Symphonic Wind Orchestra** Contact Caroline Egan 8340 2706
- **Traditional music** at TOC, Highgate Hill on 1st & 3rd Tue each month from 8.30 pm. Free. All musicians welcome. 07958 282898.

Clubs & Social

- **Bingo evening**, 8pm Sundays, at the Constitutional Club, The Walks, N2.
- **Bingo Club** Mondays 7-9 pm, Green Man Centre, Contact: Jan 8815 5452
- **Contact Lunch Club** Tuesdays at the Green Man. Call 8444 1162 to book.
- **French conversation** in small friendly group with native speaker. 8444 9395.
- **Friends of Cherry Tree Wood** www.cherrytreewood.co.uk or 8883 7544.
- **Haringey Recorded Music Society** informal meetings locally. Call David Moldon on 8361 1696.
- **LGBT?** 1st Weds every month in a local pub. Welcoming atmosphere. Email efinchleylgbt@hotmail.com
- **Muslim Ladies Lunch Club** 1st & 3rd Weds, Ann Owen Ctr., Oak La. Call 8432 1415 to book.
- **North London Bridge Club**, Muswell Hill. Contact 8348 3495
- **Northside Bridge Club**, EF Methodist Church, Thurs 7.30-11pm. 8346 8145.
- **Jewish Friendship Club** for over 60s, Tues 1-3 pm at Muswell Hill Synagogue, Tetherdown. Anita 8886 6140.
- **Muswell Hill Tetherdown Bridge**, contact 8883 4390



Moon Gate in Summerlee Avenue. Photo: Susan Bennett

Henry Wimborne, 1916 – 2013

One of the founders of the East Finchley Advice Service has died at the age of 96. Henry Wimborne set up the Church Lane drop-in advice service more than 20 years ago as part of a team of lawyers who believed passionately that people without money deserved to be helped with legal problems and properly represented.

Mr Wimborne moved to East Finchley in the 1980s and lived in Huntingdon Road with his wife Agnes, a renowned textile designer. They married in 1943 and were approaching their 70th wedding anniversary.

Politically active throughout his life, although never a politician, Mr Wimborne was a member of the Communist Party during his student days at Cambridge. He left the party later and started his working life as a teacher, spending 12 years in Ghana, before returning to Britain and switching careers to become a legal aid lawyer.

During his years in East Finchley, he was a member of the Green Party and was active as a Labour Party member. He was a horse rider, wrote poetry and was a lifelong supporter of Arsenal, regularly watching them at home at Highbury.

Born in Kilburn, his parents came from Poland and Russia. He and Agnes spent time living in Jamaica, and made homes in Hampstead and other spots across London before settling

in Huntingdon Road, N2.

Matthew, one of their two sons, said his father was a very caring and outgoing person who made friends easily. He said: "He was very strong in his own opinions and, politically,

a lot of things made him angry but he had a caring philosophy towards others and it's a shame he never became a politician himself. I have only fond memories of him."

September at the Phoenix

By Cassie Birtwistle of the Phoenix Cinema

The beginning of autumn always brings a bounty of independent film releases after a summer dominated by blockbusters and this year is no exception. We start the month with three main features including From up on Poppy Hill, the newest from Studio Ghibli (the makers of Spirited Away). That same week we'll be showing Shane Caruth's new film, Upstream Color, a hypnotic picture about memory and identity from a visionary director.

Starting on 6 September we have Paolo Sorrentino's Palme d'Or-nominated film, *The Great Beauty*. Sorrentino gives us a picture of contemporary Rome through the eyes of an ageing playboy played by Toni Servillo. From there we move to a great American indie, *In a World*, which is written by, directed by and stars the über-talented Lake Bell. Hilarious and astute, the film follows Carol, a young woman trying to make it in the male-dominated world of voice-over acting.

Finally, the last two weeks of September bring the much-anticipated *Diana*, about the final years and secret loves of the Princess of Wales. Directed by the acclaimed Oliver Hirschbiegel (*Downfall*) and starring Naomi Watts it's sure to be the must-see film of September.

On 3 September we have a special screening of *The Moo Man*. Shot over four years, the film follows a dairy farmer who makes the bold decision to turn his back on the increasingly unprofitable business of supplying supermarkets and instead stay small and keep his close relationship with his herd. A regular at the Muswell Hill farmer's market, Stephen Hook, the Moo Man himself, will be at the Phoenix for a Q&A with director Andy Heathcote following the screening. For more information on these and other events in September visit our website www.phoenixcinema.co.uk.

What's On...

Saturday 7 September

• **Spiders, Bees and Bugs** day at Long Lane Pasture, which is now alive with grasshoppers, spiders and other creatures. Come and see the pasture on Long Lane, opposite the fire station.

Sunday 8 September

• **Muswell Hill Festival in Cherry Tree Wood**; a day of family fun including a donkey derby, dog show, arts, crafts, games and plenty of food and drink, 12-6pm, free entry.

• **Live music at East Finchley Methodist Church**, 7.30pm. Schubert, Strauss, Greaves, De Falla, Kreutzer, McCabe, Gershwin. Free admission. Collection in aid of St Luke's Hospice, Plymouth.

• **Just the Two of Us**: Barry Steele presents his all-live spectacular multi-media tribute to **The Big O**, featuring classic Roy Orbison hits from the 60s to the 80s, 8pm, The Radlett Centre, Watling Street, Radlett, WD7 8HL. Tickets £29.50 in aid of Noah's

Ark Children's Hospice. Contact Brian Kirsch on 020 8736 4080.

Saturday 14 September

• **Launch of the third issue of N2 Poetry magazine**, East Finchley Methodist Church, High Road, N2, from 7pm. Entrance £5 includes a free copy of the magazine.

Sunday 15 September

• **Jazz Voices at The Clissold Arms**, 105 Fortis Green, East Finchley, N2 from 8pm. Admission £5. Jazz Voices are a new amateur singing trio, emerging from jazz singing classes taught at The Institute in East Finchley by established jazz singers and teachers Sara Mitra and Brigitte Beraha. They specialise in singing from 'the great popular songbook', mostly American, but also Brazilian and European, and some jazz vocal standards. Any profit made from this event will be donated to The MS Society.

Monday 16 September

• **Folk and country music** from Teyr, Three

Deuces, Sweet Tacuinas at the second Hill Country Folk evening, 7.30pm, Birchwood Hall, 170 Fortis Green Road, Muswell Hill. Tickets £5 sold at on the door from 7pm.

Saturday 21 September

• **Baby Jumble at Holy Trinity Church hall**, Church Lane, N2; bring good quality baby and children's items to sell on the day and keep the profits. Family fun with a free baby sensory taster session, a talk on babies' sleep, vintage music, tea, cakes and face painting. Tables £25. More information from www.babyjumble.com

• **Twilight Walk in aid of North London Hospice**; all women invited to join this circular walk around Barnet. Walk with family, friends and colleagues. Registration just £20. Call 020 8446 2288 for more details.

Thursday 26 September

• **The Finchley Society** holds its next meeting at 8pm at Martin Primary School, High Road, N2. Programme includes '100

Behind the garden gate

By Susan Bennett

My role as Assistant County Organiser in the National Garden Scheme, raising money for seven charities, has involved me in the quest to discover new gardens of interest and quality. Readers will be pleased to learn that East Finchley is not to be outdone by other areas.

Opening for the first time, in tandem with old hands Edwina and Nigel Roberts, who have transformed their recently acquired neighbouring garden in Summerlee Avenue with breathtaking verve and creativity, is Society of Garden Designers member Ana Sanchez.

Ana reveals her talents through a bold Moon Gate. A strong sustainable ethos informs her use of materials and her thought provoking planting can shift our perceptions.

These two gardens are open on Sunday 8 September at: 58 Summerlee Avenue, N2 (new) from 2-7pm, with home-made teas; and 64 Summerlee Avenue, N2, from 2-7pm. Combined entry to both gardens is £4.50, individual admission £3, children free. Visit www.ngs.org.uk/gardens-to-visit.aspx

E-mail your listings to: the-archer@lineone.net

years of Martin Primary School' by Roger Chapman; update from Peter Marsh on a new plaque for East Finchley; 'Finchley Outward Bound' – slideshow presentation of a walk from East Finchley along the disused railway line to 'Ally Pally' by Mike Gee. Non-members most welcome, admission £2.

Tuesday 1 October

• **Barnet Older People's Assembly** holds its biannual event at Hendon Town Hall, 10am-3pm. Celebrate the achievements and contributions that older people make to society. Speakers and health promotion for the over-50s will be part of the day.

Saturday 5 October

• **Confections** perform old time music hall favourites and songs from the 1920s and 1930s, St Mary's Church Hall, 279 High Road, N2. Tickets £8 and £7 concessions (including refreshments) from 020 8440 2817 or on the door. All proceeds to St Mary's.